

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 42, 44-47, 49, and 50 are pending in the instant application. Claims 43, 52, 55, 57, 59, 61 and 63 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 42, 44, 45 and 50 have been amended solely to correct inadvertent grammatical errors. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the amendments presented herein.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 42, 44-47, 49 and 50 have been allowed.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 43, 52, 55, 57, 59, 61 and 63 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for lack of written description. According to the Examiner, these claims contain subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. (Office Action, page 2).

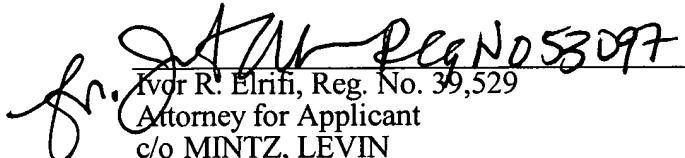
Solely to expedite prosecution of the instant application, claims 43, 52, 55, 57, 59, 61 and 63 have been cancelled. Accordingly, any rejection of these claims has been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, *i.e.*, claims 42, 44-47, 49 and 50, have been allowed (*see* Office Action, page 3), and as such, the instant application is in condition for allowance. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1), Applicants request the entry of the this Amendment.

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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